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Application Number	10/643,881
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First Named Inventor	Robert James Vimini
Art Unit	1761
Examiner Name	Adepeju Omolola Pearse
Attorney Docket No.	PDF-104US

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Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	Small Entity	Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	—
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	—
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	—
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	—
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	—

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

Multiple dependent claims

Small Entity	
Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>	<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>
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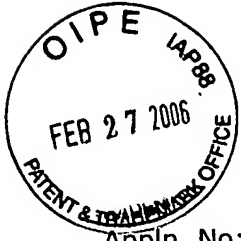
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

App'n. No: 10/643,881  
Applicant: Robert James Vimini et al.  
Filed: August 20, 2003  
Title: PACKAGING AND COOKING BAG AND METHOD FOR PACKAGING AND  
PREPARING A MEAT PRODUCT  
TC/A.U.: 1761  
Examiner: Adepeju Omolola Pearse

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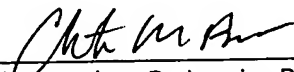
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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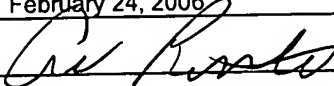
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		US-2,779,681	Jan. 29, 1957	Sell et al.	
		US-2003/0017235	Jan. 23, 2003	Wright	
		US-2005/0118315	Jun. 2, 2005	Leich et al.	
		US-2005/0153025	Jul. 14, 2005	Hopkins	
		US-3,454,211	Jan. 2, 1968	K.C. Hoffman	
		US-3,578,239	May 11, 1971	Perlman	
		US-3,607,312	Sep. 21, 1971	Charles Ambrosia Ready	
		US-3,716,369	Feb. 13, 1973	Perlman	
		US-3,730,076	May 1, 1973	Levin	
		US-3,762,986	Oct. 2, 1973	Bhuta et al.	
		US-3,864,503	Feb. 4, 1975	Steenolsen	
		US-3,995,084	Nov. 30, 1976	Bhuta et al.	
		US-4,352,263	Oct. 5, 1982	Andrews, Jr.	
		US-4,647,483	Mar. 3, 1987	Tse et al.	
		US-4,665,135	May 12, 1987	Tse et al.	
		US-4,820,536	Apr. 11, 1989	Lippincott et al.	
		US-4,877,684	Oct. 31, 1989	Shepard et al.	
		US-4,925,687	May 15, 1990	Gray et al.	
		US-5,120,553	Jun. 9, 1992	Kupcikevicius	
		US-5,287,559	Oct. 27, 1998	Powell	
		US-5,344,679	Sep. 6, 1994	Vicik	
		US-5,402,520	Mar. 28, 1995	Skaar et al.	
		US-5,491,009	Feb. 13, 1996	Bekele	
		US-5,846,620	Dec. 8, 1998	Compton	
		US-6,183,789	Feb. 6, 2001	Nilsson et al.	

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		US-6,455,084	Sept. 24, 2002	Johns		
		US-6,486,455	Nov. 26, 2002	Merabet		
		US-6,488,873	Dec. 3, 2002	Wright		
		US-6,627,324	Sept. 30, 2003	Eggers et al.		
		US-6,667,082	Jul. 19, 2001	Bamore et al.		
		US-6,682,792	Jan. 30, 2003	Schmal et al.		
		US-6,847,022	Aug. 5, 2004	Hopkins, Sr.		
		US-6,896,919	May 24, 2005	Wright		
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